

**Hugh Mercer to George Washington, September 15, 1758, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM DOCTOR HUGH MERCER.**

CAMP AT REAS TOWN 15th Sept. 1758

SIR

I have the Pleasure to inform you that General Forbes arrived yesterday at Juniata Crossing, and is looked for here by twelve O'Clock; It is but this minute I understood he had left Fort Loudoun; It seems the Generals health exceeds our Expectations, as he bears the Journey well & has proceeded with great expedition these two days past<sup>1</sup> — Your Letters were forwarded immediately on my receiving them —

Some live Stock will be sent by the Return of the Party of Virga Troops from hence, & I propos'd conveying you a Quantity of Flour under the same Escort, but am prevented by an unexpected demand from our advanced Posts; Col Bouquets anxiety on account of supplies of Provisions obliges me to employ even the Artillery Horses for transporting the Flour — I mention this, that What Horses & Waggon can be mustered up at Cumberland may be sent here if you find a further supply necessary —

I am Sir, Your most obedt humble St. HUGH MERCER

<sup>1</sup> General Forbes arrived at Raes Town on the 15th of September.